

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended claims 1 - 3. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-2 and 10 under 35 USC 102 is requested in lieu of such amendment and the following discussion.

In the Action, the Examiner objected to the title and requested a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In this connection, Applicant notes that the claims are all directed to a semiconductor device. Since the title reads "Semiconductor Device", Applicant is unclear as to the nature of the change being requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, a request for clarification of the objection to the title is requested.

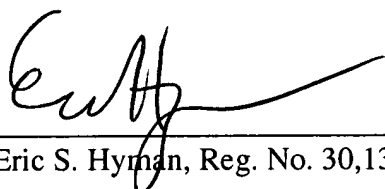
Claims 1-2 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Zerbe et al. The Examiner has noted that claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the Examiner noting that the prior art does not disclose a receiver which includes a current mirror and latch block as set forth in claim 3. In this connection, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the current block and latch block limitations of claim 3. The functional language "a swing range of a data bus voltage in response to the appearing current . . ." has been moved from claim 1 to claim 3. In this connection, Applicant submits that claim 1, as now amended, contains the operative limitations of claim 3, and, therefore is in condition for allowance for the reasons indicated in the Action.

In view of the foregoing amendment and response, Applicant submits that the claims pending for examination, namely Claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,
BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR, & ZAFMAN

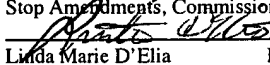
Dated: May 12, 2005

By: 
Eric S. Hyman, Reg. No. 30,139

12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, California 90025
(310) 207-3800

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class Mail, With Sufficient Postage, In An Envelope Addressed To: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Linda Marie D'Elia

5-13-05
May 13 2005

ESH/lmd